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TO: PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES FOR MILWAUKIE CITY COUNCIL

Thank you for your interest in running for the Milwaukie City Council in 2015. The Mayor position will be on the May 19, 2015, Special Election ballot, and the winner of the election will serve the remainder of the 4-year term that will expire at the end of 2018. The City Elections Officer will accept nomination papers and petitions beginning February 6, 2015, and will accept them until 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 2015. The mayoral position became vacant upon Jeremy Ferguson's resignation which was effective January 20, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. The City Council is currently seeking applicants to fill the vacancy on an interim basis until the vote is certified by Clackamas County Elections Officials and the newly elected Mayor takes the Oath of Office in June 2015.

This guide is intended to provide an overview of the local election process. For detailed background on the process, refer to the City Charter and Municipal Code at <http://www.qcode.us/codes/milwaukie/>. In addition to understanding Milwaukie's regulations, candidates also need to be aware of State requirements, and should plan to reference the current publications posted on the Secretary of State's Elections Division website. All necessary publications and fillable pdf forms may be downloaded from the State Elections website at <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/laws-rules-publications.aspx> or the Clackamas County website at <http://www.co.clackamas.or.us/elections/>

As your City Elections Officer, I am here as a resource, so please do not hesitate to contact me at 503.786.7502 or email me at duvalp@milwaukieoregon.gov with any questions. If you plan to file your papers or have questions about the process, please call or email me to ensure I am in the office and available. You may also contact the Secretary of State's Office at 503.986.1518 and Clackamas County Elections at 503.655.8510.

Sincerely,


Pat DuVal
City Recorder

Important Dates

If you are interested in running for office, here are some critical dates for your calendar:

- **November 19, 2014.** Any person running for City office must have been a City resident by this date.
- **February 6, 2015.** First day to file for nomination papers comprising a petition with the City Elections Officer.
- **March 10, 2015.** Last day to file nomination papers comprising a petition with the City Elections Officer.
- **March 19, 2015.** Final day for City Elections Officer to submit names of candidates for the May 19, 2015, Special Election.
- **March 19, 2015.** Last day to withdraw candidacy.
- **March 23, 2015.** Last day to file material with the County Elections Office for the voters' pamphlet.
- **May 19, 2015.** Election Day.
- **June 2015.** Oath of office administered at a City Council meeting.

Qualifications for Candidacy

- Must be a City of Milwaukie resident during the six (6) months immediately preceding the election.
- Must be a qualified elector in the State Oregon.

About the City Council

- The City Council is composed of a mayor and four councilors.
- Each council position is numbered one (1) through four (4).
- Each prospective candidate declares the position # for which he/she is running.
- A candidate may run for only one position.
- All Council members are elected at large.
- Terms are four (4) years unless one is filling an unexpired term.
- No person shall serve more than two full consecutive terms.
- Councilors must take an oath of office before commencing their duties.
- Councilors must file a "*Statement of Economic Interest*" with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission annually.

How to File for Candidacy -- Candidates Filing by Petition

Approved candidate filing forms are available from the City Recorder/Elections Officer, or you may download them directly from the State Elections Division website at <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/electionforms.aspx> or the County website at <http://www.co.clackamas.or.us/elections/>

Step #1: Establish your Candidate Committee by filing the following two Campaign Finance Contribution and Expenditure forms with the Secretary of State, Elections Division.

1. <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/SEL220.pdf> . Statement of Organization for Candidate Committee, and
2. <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/SEL223.pdf> Campaign Account Information

Note: SEL 220 must be filed within three (3) business days of receiving a campaign contribution or making an expenditure.

Please refer to the Oregon Campaign Finance Manual as filing these forms is not required under certain limited circumstances.

Step #2: File the following two forms with the City Elections Officer (City Recorder)

1. <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/SEL101.pdf> , Candidate Filing, and
2. <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/SEL121.pdf> Candidate Signature Sheet – Nonpartisan

According to City Charter, all nomination papers comprising a petition shall be assembled and filed with the City Elections Officer as one instrument not earlier than 100 nor later than 70 days before the election. For the May 2015 Special Election the filing window is February 6, 2015 through March 10, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

The candidate must sign the first line on the signature sheet of the prospective petition. All signature sheets must be approved (see Step #3), in writing, before circulating. Failure to do so will result in the rejection of those signature sheets. Each prospective candidate must determine in advance which position he or she plans to run for.

Step #3: The Elections Officer reviews the prospective petition for required information and provides written approval prior to the candidate's circulating the petition.

Step #4: Circulate Signature Sheets

The candidate (or circulator) circulates the approved signature sheets (SEL 121) for signatures following all Candidate Manual guidelines on page 38. The [Milwaukie City Charter](#) requires the candidate to acquire a minimum of 20 valid signatures. It is recommended that the circulator collect more than that number and to allow enough time

for signature verification. Petitions with insufficient signatures will be returned to the candidate to acquire more signatures provided the filing deadline has not passed.

Step #5: Follow Campaign Finance Reporting Requirements

Visit <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/manuals-tutorials.aspx> for the candidate "Quick Guide" on campaign finance reporting in Oregon and the 2014 Campaign Finance Manual. Be sure to review the contribution and expenditure reporting requirements and observe the filing deadlines. For detailed information regarding who must file and when, refer to the Manual or check with the local elections officer, Secretary of State at 503.986.1518 or Clackamas County Elections at 503.655.8510.

Withdrawal of Candidacy or Nomination

To withdraw from candidacy or nomination, a candidate must file a Withdrawal form with the City Elections Officer no later than March 19, 2015, for the May 2015 Special Election. This form is found at <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/SEL150.pdf>

The County Voters' Pamphlet

Each candidate is responsible for his/her own voters' pamphlet submission, with Clackamas County which generally includes a current photograph, brief biography, and a statement on issues. Milwaukie City Council positions are considered paid positions, so Clackamas County charges a fee to the candidate. This fee is considered an expense so it must be included on the contribution and expenditure reports.

Political Signs and Printed Material

What kinds of signs are allowed?

Political signs are permitted in all zones of the City of Milwaukie. No permits are necessary if the signs meet these criteria:

"Temporary signs which are nonilluminated, have an overall face area not exceeding 16 square feet, are not permanently installed, and are intended to be located on property for short durations of time. Such signs may include, but are not limited to, real estate lease and sales, political signs, building permits, public hearing notices, construction signs, garage sale, open house, special event, holiday, and similar signs. Temporary signs shall be removed within a reasonable period of time. (Milwaukie Municipal Code Section 14.12.010(B))

Where can political signs be displayed?

Signs must be placed on private property with the owner's permission. They must not be placed on public property or in the public right-of-way (i.e., streets, sidewalks, utility poles, parks, school grounds, etc.). Generally, the public right-of-way is all the property on the street-side of utility poles, sidewalks, and fence lines. All signs found posted in the public right-of-way or affixed to power, utility, or traffic control poles must be removed, or they will be confiscated.

Be aware, too, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has some stringent regulations. If you are considering posting political signs along Hwy. 224 or 99E (McLoughlin Boulevard), contact ODOT before doing so.

How long can the political signs be displayed?

The City of Milwaukie requests the signs be removed within ten (10) days after the election.

Identification on Political Material

The State does not enforce identification requirements. The Elections Division does, however, strongly recommend that identification be voluntarily included so the public knows who is authorizing the publication.

Miscellaneous

All forms for City elections that are filed with and maintained by the City Elections Officer and are a matter of public record.

As the City Elections Officer for the City of Milwaukie, the City Recorder is available as a resource during your candidacy. Please call Pat DuVal at 503.786.7502 if you have any questions on the election process or contact her by e-mail at duvalp@milwaukieoregon.gov.

Internet Resources

Milwaukie Charter and Municipal Code: <http://www.qcode.us/codes/milwaukie/>

Clackamas County Elections Division: <http://www.co.clackamas.or.us/elections/>

State of Oregon Elections Division: <http://www.oregonvotes.org/>